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கீழ் வரக்கூடிய நிபுணர்கள் தஞ்சை ஜில்லா, பாலாறு பேவின், நெய்வேலிக்கு அருகாமையில் இங்கெல்லாம் இருக்கக்கூடிய ஊற்று நீரைக் கண்டுபிடிப்பதிலும் கவனம் காட்டுவரர்கள். அவர்களுடைய முயற்சி நமக்கு உதவியாக இருக்கும்.

Irrigation channels

* 407 Q.—SRI V. SANKARAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any proposals formulating schemes for the removal of silt in irrigation channels, and for the sinking of filter points in Cauvery Delta Area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) Yes; and

(b) Silt clearance of channels,—The "Voikal Vettu Programme" for clearance of silt in irrigation and drainage channels other than those in charge of the Public Works Department in the Cauvery and Vennar deltas, sanctioned by Government in November 1962 is carried out every year through the agencies of the Panchayat Unions and Panchayats. So far as the 123 channels in charge of the Public Works Department are concerned, the silt clearance work has been ordered to be carried out by the Public Works Department from the year 1961.

Sinking of filter points.—A special scheme for sinking 2,000 filter point tube wells in Thanjavur district under the Crash Programme for Minor Irrigation has been sanctioned by Government in January 1965 with a view to enable the ryots of Thanjavur district to raise an additional crop during summer and early transplantation of Kuruvai. The scheme is in progress and steps have been taken to extend supply of electricity to about 461 filter points out of 700 which were expected to be ready by August 1965.

Supply of kerosene

* 408 Q.—SRI V. SANKARAN:

SRI K. CHEEMAICHAMY:

SRI S. MADHAVAN: SRI K. S. MANI:

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : 1

the Minister for Food be pleased to state-

(a) whether the Government are aware of the short supply of kerosene oil in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage; and

(c) the action taken to meet the normal requirements of the public?